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CIVILIAN OVERFLIGHT

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¶1. (U) On May 13, the Government of Uzbekistan (GOU) informed Post via diplomatic note that according to its aviation authorities, the aircrrew of G-550 Pentastar Aviation Airlines Flight N940DC violated Uzbekistan's overflight procedures on April 22. The flight was en-route to Helsinki from Mumbai and provided notification to Uzbek aviation authorities one minute prior to crossing the border, while Uzbek law requires at least ten minutes advance notification. The GOU has requested that action be taken to prevent such violations in the future and that the USG inform it of actions taken against the aircrrew of Pentastar Aviation Airlines responsible for violating Uzbekistan's overflight rules. (Note: The GOU had a similar complaint and request related to a Continental Airlines overflight in March, reftel. End note.)

¶2. (SBU) The GOU has complained on several occasions over the past two years about U.S. commercial carriers (and German aircraft) allegedly failing to observe Uzbekistan's overflight procedures. All of these have been flights that crossed into Uzbekistan from Afghanistan. When the Department of Defense and the Government of Germany contacted these airlines previously, the airlines noted that their pilots call in ten minutes prior to crossing into Uzbekistan's airspace. We suspect that the problem lies either with Uzbekistan's southern air traffic control on the ground or with communications interference from the Hindu Kush, and we plan to inform the Government of Uzbekistan of this in response to its most recent complaint.

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